

House Resolution No. 4540

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities that have proven down through the years to be exemplary places in which to live, work, and raise families; and

Whereas, Nevada, Missouri, lies just eight miles south of historic Balltown Cemetery, which has recently undergone a renovation that involved trimming trees, removing overgrown bushes, and repairing and straightening stones through the efforts of retired naval officer Robert Seater, his assistant Steve "Tex" McKinley, a 4-H group, and other volunteers; and

Whereas, on November 9, 2008, Balltown Cemetery will be the site of a dedication ceremony in honor of a new black granite Veterans Memorial that was donated by Robert Seater and that recognizes all branches of the armed forces and all of the individuals who have answered the patriotic call to national service through enlistment in times of war or peace; and

Whereas, also located at Balltown Cemetery is the Civil War era Grand Army of the Republic lot that has been completely renovated, had its stones cleaned and reset, had curbing and a new flagpole installed, and had an inventory of unmarked graves performed by ground penetrating radar; and

Whereas, Balltown Cemetery, which is sometimes known as Little Osage Cemetery, is the oldest cemetery in Vernon County and has been the final resting place of pioneer Nathaniel B. Dodge, Jr., since his death in 1838; and

Whereas, although the renovation of the G.A.R. lot is finished, the renovation of Balltown Cemetery will continue for several years; and

Whereas, the November 9, 2008, dedication of the Veterans Memorial on the eve of Veterans Day will involve a re-enactment unit, active duty personnel, military veterans, and the laying of a wreath:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history of Balltown Cemetery and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful military monument dedication; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Balltown Cemetery renovation and new military monument dedication.

Offered by _____
Representative Barney Fisher
District No. 125

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4540, adopted November 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker